

REMARKS

The Applicant elects an invention and species without traverse as follows:

Invention (I): claims 1-44 and 53-54

Species (i): claim 3

Species (B): claims 13, 37 and 38

Species (1): claims 23 and 24

Species (c) claims 39 and 40.

As a result of these elections, the Applicant respectfully requests Examination of claims 1-3; 5-11; 13; 16-24; 26-33; 34; 37-44 and 53-54. This list is determined from the listing of invention I, by withdrawing the claims in all of the non-elected species. It is noted that the non-elected species would be patentable if claim 1 is patentable.

Claims 4; 12; 14; 15; 25; 31-33; 35 and 36 are withdrawn.

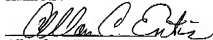
Claims 45-52 have been designated by the Examiner as belonging to invention II. These claims are withdrawn. At the same time, claim 45 has been amended to depend from claim 1. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider claims 45-52 in invention I. They correspond to an additional withdrawn species.

Claim 55 has been designated by the Examiner as belonging to invention III and is withdrawn. At the same time, claim 55 has been amended to depend from claim 1. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider claim 55 in invention I. Claim 55 corresponds to an additional withdrawn species.

Claims 56-58 have been designated by the Examiner as belonging to invention IV. These claims are withdrawn. At the same time, claim 56 has been amended to depend from claim 1. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider claims 56-58 in invention I. They correspond to an additional withdrawn species.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,
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